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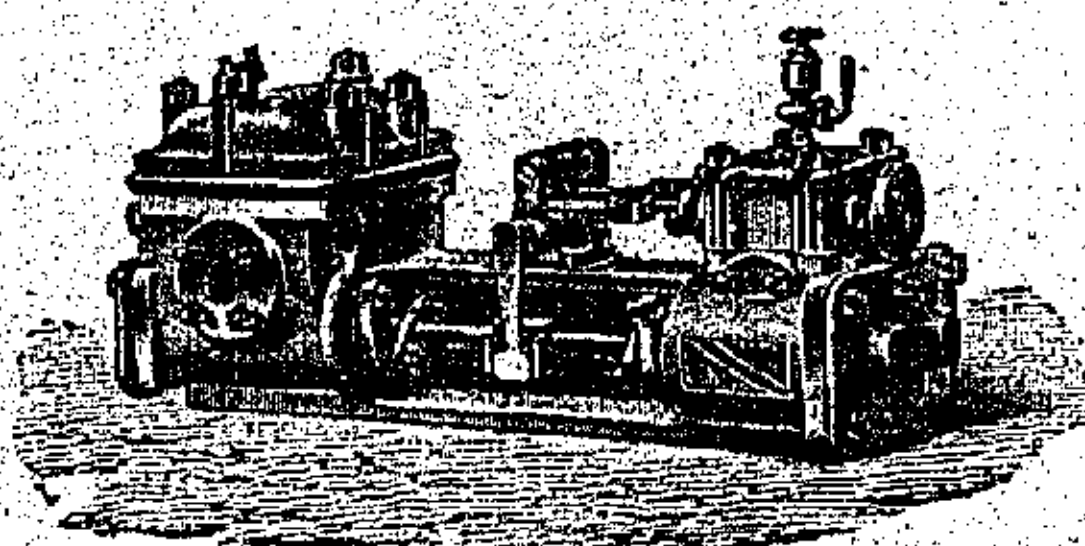
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Amusements
9 p.m.—Performance by the Mr. Henry Dallas Musical Comedy Co., in the City Hall.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per *Chuan* not cleared at 4 p.m. subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

Saturday, March 23.
Noon.—Private Meeting of Shareholders of the Great Eastern and Caledonian Gold Mining Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office No. 14, Des Vieux Road Central.

Goods per *Saisun* undelivered after Noon this date subject to rent.

Sunday, March 24.
Goods per *Mythone* undelivered after this date, subject to rent.

Monday, March 25.
2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at "Barnesley, Robinson Road."

3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land situated at MacDonnell Road.

Tuesday, March 26.
11 a.m.—Auction of Sundry Vintaging Stores, at H. N. Maval Yard.

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at No. 7, Canton Road, Kowloon.

Goods per *Trieste* undelivered after this date, subject to rent.

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Wednesday, March 27.
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Queen Mines, Ltd., at the Registered Offices of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central.

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the Offices of the General Agents.

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the Offices of the General Agents.



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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1901.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Fast Run.

The new Imperial German mail steamer *Kiautschou*, Capt. Lameschloss, of the Hamburg-Amerika Line, had a remarkably quick passage down to Singapore from Hongkong, leaving this port at 1 p.m., on the 6th inst. and arriving at Singapore on the 13th inst., at 5 a.m., making the run down from Hongkong in 3 days and 10 hours, breaking the record made by the *Princess Irene* by four hours.

The North China Railway Troubles.

A recent private letter written from Ching-wan-tao (North China) by an officer there says:—An English company is building a branch line to connect the railway with the coast here, the authorities having at last consented to protect the works. The Chinese Government had, before the present trouble began, already arranged for the building of the pier by a British company, but the work has been delayed owing to recent affairs.

A Big Fish.

When the Proclamation announcing the accession of his Majesty King Edward VII. was being read at Labuan by Governor Clifford (says the *R.N.B. Herald*) a large skate (Mahy Ikan Pari) was hauled up and caught by three boats in front of the Government Offices. The measurements taken were, 18 feet broad, 8 feet long, and the toothless mouth, garnished by flippers like fleshy tentacles, was 3 feet wide. This fish was sold by the lucky captors at 3 cents a lb. They guess the weight to be about a ton. Although possessing a spike bill, like the sting ray (Mahy Ikan Pari) this fish is different in many ways from that species.

Wireless Telegraphy.

Dr Fleming, of University College, London, lecturing in Liverpool, said he had Professor Marconi's permission to mention for the first time his latest achievement. On the first day of the King's reign he accomplished the astonishing feat of sending wireless messages between St Catherine's, Isle of Wight, and the Lizard, Cornwall, a distance of 200 miles. Since then, Marconi had established perfect communication without wires between these two points in both directions. The *New York Sun* prints a statement, which Mr Tesla acknowledges it to make, saying that the plans for machinery to transmit wireless signals across the Atlantic Ocean have been completed, and a site has been selected for the plant. The work of installation is to be commenced at once. Mr Tesla says that his apparatus has been perfected for eight months. It is proposed to cheapen telegraphic transmission.

The New Western Market.

The Sanitary Board have been informed by Hon. J. H. Stewart Lookhart, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary, that it is the intention of the Government on the completion of the new market on the site opposite the present Harbour Office, and on the completion of the New Harbour Office, which buildings will be proceeded with simultaneously, to convert the existing Harbour Office into a market, which, with the new market combined, will afford about 210 stalls, as against 149 in the existing Western Market. No change in the existing Western Market can be made until the above are completed, and if it is then found that still more market accommodation is required in this part of the City the question as to what portion of the old market site should be reserved for its consideration. The large area to be reclaimed in front of the Central Market, containing 22,400 square feet, is at present considered as reserved for a new fish market.

Musical Education in Hongkong.

The *Singapore Free Press* says:—Mr A. G. Ward, who is such an energetic promoter of things musical in Hongkong, has passed through honours on a holiday. He hopes to visit Bayreuth this summer, and hear the Wagner cycle of operas. One of his plans is the systematic extension of musical education in Hongkong, through the establishment of a regular School of Music. Mr Alec Marsh will be principal Professor of Singing; there is available now a fair staff for piano and organ study, and Mr Ward hopes to secure a competent professor of the violin. He had a long talk yesterday with the President of the Philharmonic Society here as to musical organization generally in Hongkong and Singapore. The chief difficulty in carrying on sustained work, it was agreed, is the apathetic inertia of the average so-called musical person, who requires a deal of "shepherding" and wheedling into doing anything at all. Also the incapacity of many gentlemen and ladies to understand that irregularity of effort is inimical to all real chance of even moderate achievement. To attend one out of three choir or orchestral practices is no adequate reason for getting on to a pedestal of virtue, and exuding conscious rectitude at every pore. But we have seen it done.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Share List.

The following alterations in our share list are noted after the hour of correction: Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, 353 1/2 prem.; \$866 1/2, and London, \$260. 10s.; Hongkong and Whampoa Docks, 665 1/2 prem.; \$966 1/2; Indo-China, \$118, buyers; New Panjoni, \$4 1/2, sellers; Raub, \$42, sales; and Hongkong Hotel, \$124 1/2, sellers.

Suicides.

Two days before the *a.s. Kiautschou* reached Singapore from Hongkong a Chinese stoker, who had been accidentally scalded, jumped overboard, and was drowned. The ship lost an hour in a vain attempt at rescue. The Captain of the Austrian steamer *Moravia*, from Hongkong, also reported on arrival at Singapore that a Chinese deck passenger jumped overboard three days after leaving Hongkong. Every effort was made to save him, but he was apparently determined to commit suicide, having cast aside the life-buoy which was thrown to him.

Scavenging of Kowloon.

At the Sanitary Board on 3rd January last, Major Brown called attention to the scavenging of Kowloon. He said it was improperly done owing to the refuse heaps and other obstructions. He noted that the Board asked the Government to issue orders to the Police to prevent the occurrence of any obstructions in the future and the motion was carried. The Government asked the Deputy Superintendent of Police to report on the subject. Mr Bideley has now prepared and submitted a lengthy report, based on personal observation, the effect of which was that the obstructions were not such as to prevent the scavenging contractor doing his work, or to materially inconvenience passengers. He did not know where Major Brown's "handy latrines" were.

Bath-Houses for Coolies.

His Excellency the Governor thinks that it may have an important bearing upon the health of the Colony if two or three bath-houses can be supplied for the use of the working coolies, and has asked the Sanitary Board, through the Colonial Secretary, to advise as to this matter and the location of the bath-houses. His Excellency's letter was circulated among the members of the Board, and minutes were attached as follows:—Lieut.-Col. Hughes, R.A.M.C.—Most necessary. Dr Hartigan—It is eminently satisfactory to find His Excellency advocating a measure urged by the Sanitary Board on previous occasions unavailingly. His Excellency's recommendation should be taken in hand forthwith. Mr Fung Wai Chun—It is very important that public bath-houses for coolies be established. Mr E. Osborne—I think the Board recommended public bath-houses some time ago. They are badly needed, especially for the coolies at Wanchai. Hon. F. H. May—In Shanghai, Peking, Tientsin and other Chinese cities public bath-houses are opened by private enterprise like at home. If a Chinese were granted the sole privilege for a certain number of years of opening bath-houses, I believe they might be opened in that way. In fact, I was approached on the subject some months ago.

Football Notes.

London papers received by the German mail give some interesting details of Home football. Oxford won the Inter-University match (Association) mainly through the weak play of Hellen, the Cambridge back, who put the ball into his own goal when the score was 2-1. Released from cup-play, the English League clubs were all engaged. Sunderland 31 (24), Bury 23 (23), Notts County 29 (24), Newcastle United 28 (22), Everton 27 (24), Aston Villa 25 (26), Liverpool 24 (23), Sheffield Wednesday 22 (23), Blackburn Rovers and Sheffield United 22 (24), Derby County and Manchester City 22 (24), Wolverhampton Wanderers 21 (24), Stoke 20 (25), Bolton Wanderers 19 (23), West Bromwich Albion 17 (23), Preston North End 16 (25). The four leading clubs in the Second Division are: Burnley and Grimsby 36 (24), Small Heath 34 (22), New Brighton 27 (23). In the Scottish League, the Rangers defeated Greenock Morton by 3 goals to 1. In the second round for the Scottish Cup, Royal Albert drew with the Hibernians at Larkhall, 1-1. In the third round, the following were the results:—At Dundee, Celtic beat Dundee (1-0); at Paisley, St. Mirren drew 3rd Lanark (no goals); at Port Glasgow, Heart of Midlothian beat Port Glasgow Athletic (5-1). In the International League match at Belfast, Scotland beat Ireland (2-1). In Rugby football, Cardiff defeated Blackheath by 3 goals 6 tries (33 points) to nil.

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I have no hesitancy in recommending Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, says F. P. Moran, a well-known and popular baker, of Petersburg, Va. "We have given it to our children when troubled with bad colds, whooping cough, and it has all ways given perfect satisfaction. It was recommended to me by a druggist as the best cough medicine for children as it contained no opium or other harmful drug." Sold by All Dealers, WATKINS & CO., General Agents.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

The population of Penang is 128,152, as compared with 123,886 in 1891.

2nd Lieut. G. Bulham-Thornhill, R.G.A., is gazetted Lieutenant.

A murrain has broken out among the cattle in certain districts of Tonkin.

The Drough Company carries with it 150 tons of scenery and stage properties.

During the past twenty-four hours, there was one case of plague and one death reported in the Colony.

An offer of fifty cyclists to accompany the Fifth Queensland Contingent for the Cape has been accepted.

Lieut. T. D. Jackson, 1st Royal Lancaster Regiment, is included in a draft that lately proceeded from Aldershot to South Africa.

The reports of the Government Analyst for the month of February show that the public water supplies of Kowloon and Hongkong are of "excellent quality."

Major H. N. Dumbarton, R.E., who will be remembered in Hongkong as a first-class cricketer and golfer and a successful yachtsman, is appointed Inspector of Submarine Defences at Headquarters.

Official notification was made to the Sanitary Board, to-day, of the resignation of Mr James McKie, the Colonial Secretary stating in his letter that arrangements would be made for the election of a successor.

Mr E. H. Conger, U.S. Minister at Peking, with Mrs and Miss Conger, arrived yesterday by the T. K. K. steamer *Nippon* from Shanghai. Mr Conger is on sick leave, Mr Rockhill acting in his place.

All cards handed in by competitors in the Ladies' Golf Championship at Singapore, must be certified by gentlemen. This supplies "Joss Chingchings" of the *Singapore Free Press* with a subject for some verses on "The Ta addle."

Yesterday, Hon. R. M. Gray, along with his wife and family, left by the German Mail steamer *Bayona* for London. Mr C. V. Laidis, Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, was also a passenger for London by the same vessel. Colonel and Madame O'Gorman went up to Shanghai by the *Kony Albert* yesterday.

Government under Difficulties!

A circular issued in Labuan on 16th January last runs:—Owing to the continued failure in the supply of Soda water, H. E. the Governor and Mrs Hugh Clifford regret that they have again to postpone their "At Home" till next Wednesday. Announcements of this sort bring home to us the difficulties of ruling the eastern portions of the British Empire.

The Wrecked 'Tamsui maru'.

It is reported from Nagasaki that the Osaka Shosen Kaisha has decided to abandon the task of floating the *Tamsui maru*, which sank off Amoy a month or so ago. The company, it is stated, has already expended 23,000 yen on the undertaking and, as the chance of floating the hull is very remote, will now claim the sum for which the steamer was insured, namely, 260,000 yen.

Death of Capt. J. D. Mackenzie.

Many Hongkong residents will regret to learn of the death of Captain J. D. Mackenzie, formerly in command of the steamer *Kiangpoo*. Captain Mackenzie had been up at Apari, in Luzon, looking after the interests of Messrs Donaldson Sim and Co., of Manila, for whom he had been superintendent since the Americans took over the Philippine Islands. Deceased was of a genial disposition, and made many friends in Hongkong and the China and Philippine ports. He was 42 years of age. The Government took place on the 13th inst., and the body was sent down to Manila for burial.

Presentation to Mrs Dallas.

The final performance of "The Belle of New York" yesterday evening attracted the usual large audience to the Theatre, and scores were continuous, all the more popular numbers being re-demanded. At the conclusion of the first act, "Dad Ferrell" came forward, and, in a few well-chosen words, announced the fact that it was the anniversary of the birthday of Mrs Dallas, and that, on behalf of the Company, he was deputed to hand her a slight memento of the occasion. Other presents and floral tributes followed thick and fast, until the whole stage was one gorgeous display of flowers. After the performance, Mr and Mrs Dallas received their more intimate friends at supper, followed by an impromptu dance on the stage of the theatre, a most enjoyable time being spent. To-night "The French Maid" will occupy the boards.

The Latest says of

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TELEGRAMS.

[CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE.]

THE STRANDED FRENCH TRANSPORT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
SINGAPORE, March 20.

The French transport *Vinh-long*, which was ashore at Pulo Sambo, has been got off unharmed.

GREAT FIRE AT SINGAPORE.

\$100,000 Damages.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)
SINGAPORE, March 21, 1.10 p.m.

There has been a great fire in the premises of Mr A. Clouet, merchant and commission agent. Damages estimated at \$100,000.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]

LONDON, 18th March, 1901.

THE ADMIRALTY AND THE COALING STATIONS.

Mr Forster, in the House of Commons, said that the Admiralty was not disposed to accede to Mr Rodrick's proposal to transfer the smaller coaling stations to the Navy, but they were considering the matter.

THE AUSTRALIAN NAVAL CONTINGENT.

Mr Forster paid a tribute to the Australian Naval Contingent in China, and hoped that Canada would on no distant day imitate the Australian precedent.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]

FIGHTING IN ALGERIA.

PARIS, March 13.
It is reported from Algeria that in an engagement fought at Ghazoua recently, the French, who were commanded by General Servieres, had 25 men killed, including two officers. The losses of the Barbans are not enumerated.

CANTON NOTES.

[RE-OPENING OF COURTS.]

Canton, March 18.
Towards the close of every year, all Chinese mandarins cease to hear applications unless of great importance. The Nam Hoi Magistrate resumed his judicial work last Thursday with a roll of over fifty cases. Nothing could show better the fondness of this people for litigation.

OFFICIAL ENTERTAINMENTS.

Owing to the hard times, the Viceroys ordered that this year no money be spent on the official entertainments, which are usually held in the first month of the year.

DISMISSING OF SOLDIERS.

At attempt to cut down expense by dismissing the extra men who were enrolled last year, to preserve peace has begun. It is feared, and not without reason, that these men may in their turn cause trouble. As a precautionary measure, a large quantity of arms and ammunition has been already forwarded for use in Kwang Si, where Lau I, the leader of the Black Flags, is at present. Last week, there was a disturbance at Ching Chau, Whampoa. It appears that a number of these ex-soldiers had gathered at Cheung Chau, and having nothing to do they were employing their time in gambling. Some dispute arose, and it ended in a free fight, in which arms were used on both sides. The exact number wounded is not known.

KIDNAPING NEWS.

On Saturday afternoon, a rice boat was attacked by robbers near San Koi Hau. The boat's crew only consisting of a few unarmed men, no resistance could be offered. The robbers coolly transferred the cargo to their own boats and departed. A patrol boat not far away from the scene of this outrage. In the affray one passenger was killed.

The kerosine monopoly for the Canton Province only, is now under consideration. 66,000 tons have been offered and refused. Abundant rains have fallen during the last few days.

Anopheles Larva at Kennedytown.

A bug report by Dr Thomson detailing his observations in the neighbourhood of the Cattle Depot was submitted to the Sanitary Board to-day. The doctor points out a most unsatisfactory condition of affairs, and makes certain recommendations to counteract the breeding of the venomous stinger. In conclusion he urged the Government to take active measures for the destruction of the larvae, not only at Kennedytown but all over the Colony, pointing out that the present season, when new generations were not being developed, or at least only comparatively slowly, such efforts would be much more effective than during the actual fever season. The report, according to Dr Hartigan, only emphasises the necessity of skilled supervision and continuous action in dealing with anopheles pools.

The Price of Coal.

On the 8th March, the accumulation of coal at Nagasaki was roughly estimated at 35,000 tons, including 27,000 tons belonging to the Mitsui and Mitsui Bishi Companies. Coal quotations were then reported at 7 yen for best, 5.50 yen for medium, and 4 yen for inferior quality. There was a probability that prices would further weaken.

Coaling Records.

During the naval coaling tests at Fort Merv on the 6th Feb., the battleship *Mora* made a record averaging 203.8 tons an hour. On February 15, it may be remembered, the crew of H.M.S. *Terrible* filled her bunkers to the extent of 2,000 tons in 15 1/2 hours, which is, we believe, a record for the port of Hongkong. The world's record, it was then stated, is held by *Malala*, which 1,000 tons were put on at the rate of 250 tons an hour.

Do not neglect Headaches.

Stearns' Headache Cure
is a prompt and efficient remedy. It is a marvelous how a single little water will quickly dispel the most agonizing pain. Sold by all chemists, Wholesale and Retail from A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

DOCK DETACHMENT.

The final competition for the "Gillies" Cup took place on the Association Range. The conditions were the two best aggregates in six competitions, including hand caps, points, to win the Cup. Ranges, 200, 500 and 600 yards. Rifles or carbines. The following is the order of merit:—

AVERAGE.

Sgt. J. W. Gmhai	100—91—95.5
Gan, Baldwin	94—91—92.5
" Ratley	84—80—80.5
" Donaldson	81—81—81
" Lapley	85—80—80
" Duncanson	80—89—89

THE QUEEN MINES, LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to shareholders at the second ordinary meeting to be held at the Company's Offices, 38 and 40, Queen's Road, Central, on Wednesday, the 27th inst.

To the shareholders of Queen Mines, Ltd.

Gentlemen,—We beg to lay before you the Report and Statement of Accounts for the thirteen months ending the 31st Dec. last:—The sum of \$12,338.03 has been expended on the Mine and has been charged to Development Account, which now stands at \$31,800.58; \$127.50 on Preliminary Expenses in Hongkong, and \$4,472.54 on Salaries, Management and General Expenses in Australia, or \$17,435.17 out of a total of \$20,488.40. During the period under review, work has been chiefly confined to driving at the 205 feet level South, the 405 feet level North, and the 142 feet level South. A total distance of 223 feet was driven, but although some small shafts of ore were passed through at various times, they were all of low grade, nothing payable having been met with. The Company's funds being almost exhausted, the Mine was therefore closed down on the 10th September last, a suspension of the labour conditions for six months having been obtained.

Auditor:—The accounts have been audited by Mr W. Hutton Esq.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1901.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report of the Board of Directors to be presented at the Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders, to be held at the Company's Hotel, at noon, on Tuesday, the 26th inst.:

To the Shareholders of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited.

Gentlemen,—In accordance with Section 56 of the Articles of Association, the Directors have now to submit to the Shareholders their Half-yearly Report for the six months ended the 31st December, 1900.

Accounts.—The Profit on Working Accounts amounted for the six months to \$75,148.53, as compared with \$77,183.11 for the corresponding period of 1899, being a decrease of \$2,034.58. The Profit and Loss Account, including a credit balance of \$1,794.71, brought forward from 30th June, 1900, shows a credit balance of \$83,088.29. The Directors propose to deal with this sum as follows:—

To pay a final Dividend of 10 per cent. for the half-year, amounting.....\$80,000.00

To place to the Reserve Fund.....16,000.00

To set aside against Repairs and Renewals.....5,000.00

To write off from value of Furniture and Fixtures.....3,000.00

To carry forward to New Account.....693.29</

